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WHAT'S MY STORY?

I DELIVERED NEWS AND ENTERTAINMENT TO A KENTUCKY FAMILY FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES.

Radio was the primary electronic medium from the 1930s well into the 1950s. Like most other Kentuckians of that time, the Sutherland family of Western Kentucky gathered in the living room of their house to listen to this radio set. It was how they received their news and entertainment. They heard Gabriel Heatter deliver his “good news” – even in the dark days of the Depression and World War II. The children learned to use their imaginations listening to “Let’s Pretend” and “Jack Armstrong, the All-American boy.” “The Shadow” taught that crime does not pay; and Fibber McGee and Mollie kept people laughing knowing everything would tumble out of McGee’s cram-packed closet when he opened it.

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